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[1](#)1. (C/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS WISH TO THANK THE POLITICAL SECTION FOR THE TWO DETAILED AND TIMELY REFTELS ON BRAZILIAN FOREIGN POLICY. BRASILIA 001041 PROVIDED A THOROUGH RUNDOWN OF BRASILIA'S REACTION TO THE RECENT US-COLOMBIA DEFENSE AGREEMENT, WHICH GARNERED SUBSTANTIAL ATTENTION FROM US POLICYMAKERS IN WASHINGTON. WE WILL USE INSIGHTS FROM THE CABLE IN AN UPCOMING ASSESSMENT OF BRAZIL'S REGIONAL FOREIGN POLICY. WE ALSO APPRECIATED BRASILIA 001038, WHICH PROVIDED A DETAILED READOUT OF US OFFICIALS' VISITS WITH HIGH-LEVEL LULA ADMINISTRATION COUNTERPARTS ON KEY GLOBAL ISSUES, INCLUDING NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, NORTH KOREA, AND IRAN. THE CABLE DID A PARTICULARLY FINE JOB OF HIGHLIGHTING POLICY DIFFERENCES AMONG KEY ACTORS WITHIN THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN POLICY ESTABLISHMENT, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL. INSIGHTS FROM REFTEL WILL BE USED IN TWO UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS OF BRAZILIAN FOREIGN POLICY. US POLICYMAKERS REMAIN INTERESTED IN BRASILIA'S STANCE ON KEY GLOBAL ISSUES AS ITS INTERNATIONAL CLOUT GROWS AND, MORE IMMEDIATELY, AS BRASILIA PREPARES TO TAKE A NON-PERMANENT SEAT ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL THIS JANUARY. MANY THANKS FOR THE TIMELY AND VALUABLE REPORTING.
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